

Town of Andover 375th Anniversary Committee Meeting March 30, 2021 (Virtual) at 4:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Mackay at 4:06 pm.

Chairman called roll. Present were:

Chairman Paul Mackay, Tom Adams, Committee Clerk, Rich Padova, Buzz Stapczynski, Bill Pennington, Joann Michalik, Susan Pokress, Melissa Litton

Guest present: Alex Vispoli, Select Board Liaison and Ann Ormond

The minutes from March 11, 2021 and March 16, 2021 were presented for review and approval. Joann noted that on the March 11th minutes it was Buzz that mentioned \$300-400 K. She asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that. A motion was made and seconded and a roll call vote took place to approve the two sets of minutes with one change.

There was no correspondence or citizen input.

Ann Ormond opened the meeting with a document previewing tentative events for the month of May. All activities will be limited by existing Covid restrictions. All events will be virtual and at no cost. Events are in planning stage and are not yet approved.

The status of the 375th Anniversary theme was discussed. The three potential themes were presented. A voice vote was taken and "Andover Thrives at 375" was approved. Further discussion found that since Open Meeting rules require such an item to be on the meeting agenda, and the theme was not, it cannot be voted upon.

Ch. Mackay aid that it's tentatively approved until we can vote on the matter at the next committee meeting which will be held on April 5, 2021.

Chm. Mackay: Clown Town is an historically significant event. How will this be represented?

Melissa stated that Andona was discussing this but not ready to decide.

First Night Andover will be help New Year's Eve 12/31/2021 with fireworks.

Ann and Paul noted that they have meeting with Claudia Bach next Tuesday (Apr. 6th) @ School District to check the lay of the land.

Bill Pennington: Have a series of Run for the Troops events including Veteran's Day.

There was mention of a possible dog/pet parade.

Chm. Mackay: Asked that two events on Ann's calendar (slide) be combined.

Some additional back-and-forth conversation about event possibilities in May –a classic car show; coffee & cars

Ann: Reviewed potential events for the balance of the year into 2022 including 375 points of light; an Art Project.

Clown Town: Will not conduct event until Covid levels are at Level 1. Current grant does not allow more than one year between fundraisers.

Chm. Mackay: Needs help going through the list of potential donors.

Buzz: Does our contact list include the churches & schools-St. Augustine's; Montessori; etc.?

Some additional crosstalk about expanding the list of potential partners, donors etc.

Chm. Mackay called for adjournment at 5:28 pm. A motion was made by Buzz and seconded by Melissa. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.